IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: THE DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS ADOPTION MONTH

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013-68

NOW, on this day of November, 2013, the following has been brought to the attention of the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa:

- The month of November, 2013 is a special month of Thanksgiving for the children whose adoptions were finalized by the Iowa Department of Human Services, and the children who were placed in adoptive homes by private childplacing agencies and independent placers during the previous fiscal year; and
- All children need the care, love, security and stability of family unity, including parents, siblings, grandparents and other extended family members, to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity; and
- It is through the selfless giving of adoptive families that bonds of love, attachment and trust are formed, creating a nurturing family life for a special child; and
- 4. Every successful adoption is more than an achievement for a child and their adoptive family; It is a success story in which all in Iowa can share; and
- 5. Iowa's future depends on today's children and the State is committed to helping all children grow and develop to their full potential.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the month of November shall be and it is hereby designated *Adoption Month* in the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED November 23, 2013 is hereby designated the Thirteenth Annual *Adoption Saturday* in the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa.

ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, CHIEF JUDGE

Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

cc: Hon. Connie Cohen
Hon. Colin Witt
Fifth Judicial District Court Administrator, Beth Baldwin
Adoption Saturday 2013 Chair, Michelle Severaid
Liaison Justice, Hon. David Wiggins